

**Introduced by Senator Soto**

February 17, 2006

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 95—Relative to the Officer Richard Hyche Memorial Freeway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 95, as introduced, Soto. Officer Richard Hyche Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 10 in the City of Ontario as the Officer Richard Hyche Memorial Freeway.

This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Officer Richard Hyche, a four-year veteran of the  
2 Ontario Police Department and 31 years of age, was fatally  
3 wounded on October 15, 1975, and at the time was the first  
4 Ontario police officer killed in the line of duty since 1957; and  
5 WHEREAS, Richard Hyche was born on April 27, 1944, in  
6 Long Beach, served in the United States Marine Corps, attended  
7 the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy, worked at the  
8 Glenn Helen Maximum and Minimum County Jail Facility for  
9 two years, and was hired as a police officer by the Ontario Police  
10 Department on July 23, 1971; and  
11 WHEREAS, Officer Hyche received an Associate of Arts  
12 degree from Chaffey College in 1973; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Hyche was killed by a single gunshot by  
2 a suspect being sought in connection with a murder that had  
3 occurred the previous day at the Pepper Tree Motel, upon Officer  
4 Hyche responding to a sighting of the suspect near an apartment  
5 complex; and

6 WHEREAS, The suspect was later convicted and sentenced to  
7 life in state prison, and subsequently escaped from prison, fled to  
8 Montana, and was eventually killed after a deadly crime spree;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Hyche is survived by his wife Karen, and  
11 children Darryn, Tracey, and Bryan; and

12 WHEREAS, Officer Hyche is still remembered today by  
13 former supervisors and colleagues as an excellent officer who  
14 was always outgoing and friendly, who enjoyed his work as a  
15 police officer, and who had a strong commitment to his fellow  
16 officers; and

17 WHEREAS, It is therefore appropriate to commemorate in his  
18 honor a portion of State Highway Route 10 (Interstate 10) in the  
19 City of Ontario that adjoins the neighborhood where Officer  
20 Hyche was killed while serving his community; now, therefore,  
21 be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
23 *thereof concurring,* That the portion of State Highway Route 10  
24 (Interstate 10) in the City of Ontario between the 6th Street  
25 overcrossing and the intersection of Euclid Avenue shall be  
26 known as the Officer Richard Hyche Memorial Freeway; and be  
27 it further

28 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested  
29 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the  
30 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this  
31 special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate  
32 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
33 further

34 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
35 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
36 for appropriate distribution.

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